

Council Communicates Concerns With Kenilworth Ave. Extension

by Thomas X. White

Following the recommendation of the City’s Advisory Planning Board (as reported in last week’s News Review), Mayor Judith F. Davis sent a letter on behalf of the City Council to Bruce M. Grey, Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), expressing strong concerns regarding the major build alternatives the state is considering for the US 1/MD 201 corridor study that extends from the vicinity of MD 198 in Laurel to the I-95/I-495 interchange with Kenilworth Avenue in Greenbelt.

The mayor’s letter echoes long-standing concerns expressed by Greenbelt Councils during the past 25 years. When the proposed extension was given a high priority in 1987, then Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, responded strongly that the proposed extension, “in effect,” extends the Intercounty Connector directly to Greenbelt and threatens the integrity of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and would lead to additional development of the farm.

Later councils successfully stopped a proposed extension of Kenilworth Avenue to Sunnyside Avenue and the widening of Sunnyside proposed to provide access to the low-rise BARC office buildings on Sunnyside Avenue west of the Metro storage yard and adjacent to the Beltway. In a Greenbelt legal challenge to the proposed widenings, the federal court ruled in Greenbelt’s favor and the proposed road improvements were not allowed to go forward unless the agencies involved conducted a full Environmental Impact Study assessing the likely damage to adjacent wetlands in the area.

For the current proposal, the alternatives study is a precursor to a Draft Environmental Impact Statement that the SHA plans to issue this year.

On January 12, Mayor Judith Davis sent the following letter to Bruce M. Grey, Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering of the Maryland State Highway Administration on behalf of the Greenbelt City Council.

Dear Deputy Director Grey:

The Greenbelt City Council would like to inform you of its concerns regarding the US 1/MD 201 Corridor Study from MD 198 to I-95/I-495 as prepared by the State Highway Administration. It is our opinion that the seven alternatives prepared for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement do not provide adequate improvements to traffic congestion or safety, and fail to preserve the unique communities and environmental characteristics of the study area. The Greenbelt City Council recommends the Federal Highway Administration consider a modified version of Alternative 3, as described below, which prioritizes safety, multi-modal transportation, and the efficient use of transportation funding.

Modifying Route 201, as described in alternatives 4E, 4W, 5E, and 5W, will have many detrimental impacts on local communities. Extending and widening Route 201 will encourage traffic traveling between the Inter County Connector and the Beltway to use already congested local roadways instead. Extending Route 201 will also harm local wetlands and streams. In particular, alternatives 4W and 5W will impact approximately 250 feet of buffered stream bed and compromise the health of two large wetlands nearby. Expanding Route 201 onto federal property will also contribute to the gradual but sustained development of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) that erodes the productivity of the facility.

These sacrifices will be made in order to achieve minimal improvements in traffic congestion. Alternatives 4E, 4W, 5E, and 5W, would not significantly improve service at major intersections along Route 201. In these alternatives, more intersections will experience a decrease in service in the evenings, rather than an increase in service, as a result of suggested improvements; and several major intersections along Route 201 would still receive a score of F. Given the minimal benefits, the expansion of Route 201 as described in alternatives 4E, 4W, 5E, and 5W, cannot be considered a wise investment.

The City Council, after consultation with its Advisory Planning Board, suggests the Federal Highway Administration consider approving Alternative 3, with the following modifications.

- 1) Transit services along Route 1 should be included in the design plans. Options for consideration include a right-of-way along the median for light rail, a marked lane for express bus service or a designated right-of-way for extension of the Metro to Konterra.
- 2) Roundabouts should be constructed at the following intersections: Edmonston Road and Sunnyside; Edmonston Road and Powder Mill; and Old Baltimore Pike and Muirkirk Road. Roundabouts will improve pedestrian safety, calm traffic, move cars more efficiently and require less asphalt to accommodate

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Golden Trowel Is Presented To Public Works Department

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt Public Works Department has received three awards recently. On December 14, 2008, the county acknowledged the department’s “outstanding contributions in the areas of recycling, resource recovery, litter pick-up and community cleanups” at the 27th annual Keep Prince George’s County Beautiful award ceremony.

The department had been nominated by the city’s Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC). In its nomination letter, REAC cited a number of accomplishments by the Public Works Department that qualified it for the award. “At least one full-time employee,” it said, “is dedicated exclusively to the clean up of litter” around the public areas of the city. The letter described the recycling program, including electronics recycling events, recycling of 600 tons of

yard waste into mulch for use in gardens throughout the city and the department’s co-sponsorship with the Greenbelt Credit Union of two shred-it events for proper disposal and recycling of sensitive papers for the community. It also mentioned the annual Recycle Right contest and the donation drop-off events for charitable organizations and the community clean-up events.

Last September the department also received two Golden Trowel Awards, which are granted to those who win beautification awards for five consecutive years. The department won the award both for beautification efforts at Buddy Attick Park and for the landscaping of the Southway road medians. Mayor Judith Davis called the Golden Trowel Award “the Oscar in

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Historical Library Settles In at New Location Here

by Virginia Beauchamp

As staff members of the Fred S. DeMarr Library of County History have been able to settle in and feel reasonably well organized in their new space in the Greenbelt Library, they have prepared a one-page introduction for users of the facility. The flyer defines the facility – a “private library”; its owners – the Prince George’s County Historical Society; and its function – “a non-lending and non-circulating library.”

If that sounds negative, the next sentence belies the charge: “Our goal is to assist serious researchers in gathering information on subjects related to the history of Prince George’s County.”

The flyer goes on to describe the library’s hours of operation – from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, as well as by appointment – and its system of organization.

Unlike the county branch library within which it is housed, which uses the Dewey Decimal System, books within the DeMarr Library are organized by the Li-

brary of Congress Classification System. Items of particular interest to users – such as books on the county itself, on area towns and cities, on black history, on Washington, D.C. or on the University of Maryland – are color-coded for easy access.

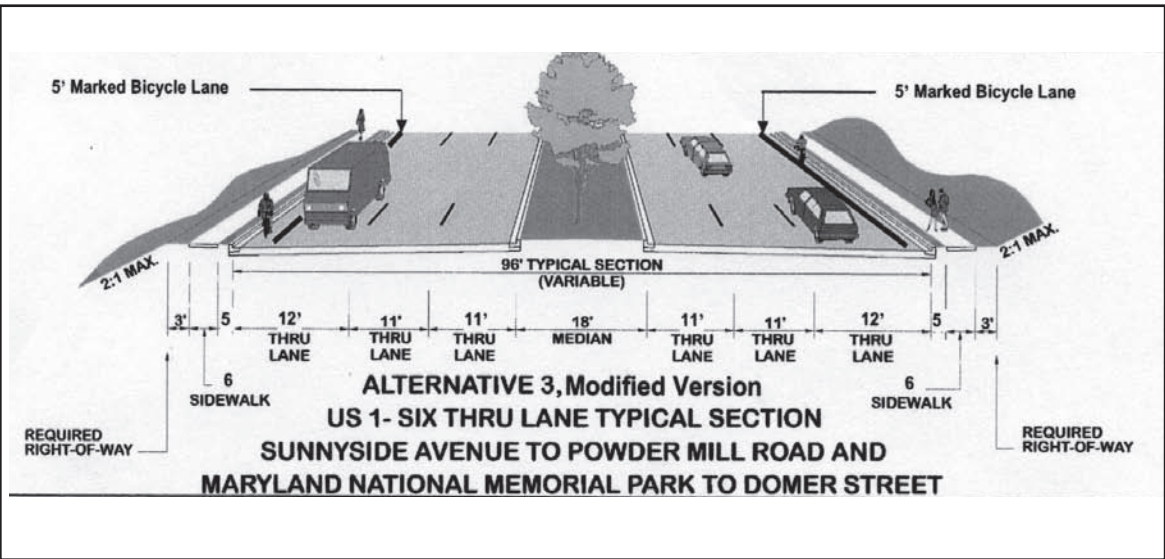
A sixth category is plans and publications of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Responsibilities for operating the library are shared on a rotating basis by historical society members, all of whom are volunteers.

Location

Though located on the basement level of the Greenbelt Library, the rooms are well lighted, freshly painted and carpeted. A welcome desk with a volunteer greeter sits immediately inside the door.

Besides the shelves of books in the first room, the library owns extensive vertical files of ephemeral materials – newspaper clippings,

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What Goes On

Monday, January 19 – City and GHI Offices closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Wednesday, January 21
8 p.m., City Council Worksession, City Manager Update, Community Center
Thursday, January 22
7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Registration for Greenbelt summer camps for children is ongoing for Greenbelt residents. Non-resident registration will begin January 26.

Letters

Thanks from FONDCA

The Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) wishes to thank all the many folks that contributed to our end-of-the-year appeal. With financial contributions from over 75 members of our community and the help of 15 volunteers, the drive was FONDCA's most successful and confirms the community's support for the New Deal Café and its arts and music programs.

These contributions permit us to continue supporting arts events by matching funding we receive from grants. In 2009, these contributions will help us advertise and support arts programs made possible by grants from the City of Greenbelt and from the Greenbelt Community Foundation including a new initiative for improving the coordination of arts events throughout Greenbelt made possible by funding from the Foundation.

Barbara Simon,
Ray Stevens,
Chris Logan,
Terri Rutledge,
Dorian Winterfeld,
FONDCA Board of Directors

A Reminder . . .

Earlier this week, GHI delivered a short home energy survey to every member household. I'm writing to encourage GHI members to complete and return the survey. Designed by GHI's Buildings Committee, the survey will help us draft a plan for heating system replacement and other home energy upgrades.

Members who complete and return the survey to GHI will be eligible to win one of three, \$100 cash prizes. The survey should take about 10 minutes for an individual to complete.

The survey asks GHI members to assess their degree of comfort in their homes, to identify energy-efficiency investments they may have already undertaken and to evaluate their degree of satisfaction with those improvements.

The deadline for returning the survey is February 7. Directions on where to send or drop off the survey are contained in the material left at each home. Members can also complete the survey at a workshop on home energy efficiency to be held on Saturday, February 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 1 Hamilton Place. The drawing of the three cash prize winners will be made at the end of the workshop. The workshop will offer tips on inexpensive ways to reduce home energy bills.

Jim Cohen, Chair
GHI Buildings Committee

Smell Gas?

(Sulfur or rotten eggs)

Call Washington Gas Light

800-752-7520 or 911

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
The Golden Age Club has new officers for 2009. Karen Haseley from the Recreation Department installed the following slate of officers at the meeting on January 7: President Cathy Brannan; First Vice President Paul Sobol; Second Vice President Bill Souser; Recording Secretary Bunny Fitzgerald; Corresponding Secretary Rachel Algaze; and Treasurer Ruth Swoben.

Let's give these officers lots of help and support for the next year. Ellie Rimar, program chair, is already working on speakers for programs and would welcome suggestions.

The birthday luncheon will be on January 21. Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio will speak on January 28. Her topic will be "Nag, Nag, Nag, Do what I tell you to do!" She's always great at answering questions, too.

The club was saddened by the deaths of two of our members, Pearl Keeney and Pearl Siegel. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to their families.

Just a quick reminder, it's time to pay club dues for the 2009 year. Pay by cash or check. Sorry, no credit cards.

Cajun Inaugural Ball At New Deal Café

Dancers, musicians and listeners who enjoy Cajun music are invited to a Cajun Jam Inaugural Ball on Tuesday, January 20 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. Beginners are welcome. Admission is free. For details call 301-434-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

Library Offers Teens Resumé Workshop

The Greenbelt Library plans to hold a hands-on resumé workshop for teens. Thinking ahead to a summer job, the library staff will help teens learn how to put their unique talents on paper. Their work will be saved to a CD (provided by the library) that they can take with them.

The workshop is slated for Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. Register early because space is limited. Call the branch directly at 301-345-5800.

Latest at CARES

CARES welcomed Victoria Wedge, a graduating senior in Family Studies at the University of Maryland, who will intern with the Vocational/Educational Counseling program.

Reel & Meal to Show Obama Goes to Africa

The documentary, "Obama Goes to Africa," will be shown at the New Deal Café on Monday, January 19 (inaugural eve) beginning at 7 p.m. Sponsored by nine Greenbelt community organizations, the Reel and Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series exploring vital environmental and social justice issues. There is no charge for admission to the film.

The heart of the film is Senator Barack Obama's emotional homecoming to Kisumu, Kenya – his father's former home – where thousands of people turn out to greet him. In South Africa, the film follows Obama on a trip to Robben Island, the infamous prison where Nelson Mandela was jailed for 21 years. At a Darfur refugee camp in Chad viewers are shown through Obama's eyes the devastating effects of genocide.

Obama narrates the film, giving his own perspective on the journey and the significance of Africa to U.S. interests. Additional perspective is included through interviews with experts on African affairs and with U.S. political commentators.

A discussion afterward will be led by Charles Gatebe and Robert Cahalan, scientists from Goddard Space Flight Center, who recently traveled together to Dr. Gatebe's home country of Kenya to attend a meeting about the impacts of global warming in Africa.

Contributions will be accepted to cover the group's donation this month to the nonprofit Doctors Without Borders. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. an optional vegan buffet meal will be available for purchase.

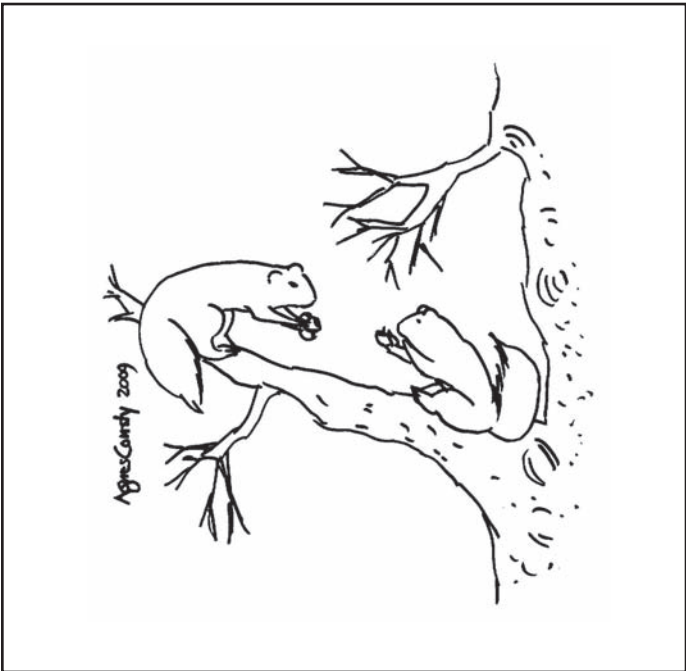
Email sr.kane@verizon.net for more information about this event.

Competitive Volleyball Adult Players Sought

Male and female adult (18 and older) volleyball players with experience playing in competitive leagues and/or full-day tournaments are wanted for the Prince George's County Winter Women's and Coed Volleyball leagues. There is no fee to practice or scrimmage while deciding whether to join a league.

Those interested in playing full time or substituting on a volleyball team are asked to call Diane at 301-776-2805 as soon as possible. League play begins the latter part of January.

Grin Belt



"These acorns will at least get you a Goodwill gown for the Inaugural Ball."

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, January 22, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- EZ Pay
- Woodlands Committee Report: Use of Herbicides in the Stewardship of GHI Natural Areas (Copies of this report are available by contacting the Manager's Office: 301-474-4161, extension 148 or email: mgmtoffice@greenbelthomes.net)
- Comment Period for Member Handbook Changes

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for January 19 through 23 include:

Monday – All sites closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Tuesday – All sites closed for Inauguration Day.

Wednesday – Minestrone soup, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, strawberry parfait.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, baked chicken leg with gravy, black-eyed peas, okra and tomatoes, canned peaches.

Friday – Grape juice, ham with fruit sauce, sweet potatoes, broccoli flowers, green jello with fruit.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Monday, January 19, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – office closed

Wednesday, January 21, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room
7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – GHI lobby
7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., board meeting – Board Room

Saturday, January 24, 2 to 5:30 p.m., Board/Committee Chairs Worksession – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library

The library will be closed on Monday, January 19, for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and on Tuesday, January 20, for Inauguration Day.

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Wednesday, January 21, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, January 22, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Adults

An adult book discussion group will meet on Wednesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. to discuss Kevin Boyle’s “Arc of Justice.”



Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.
1st Saturday of the month 10 – 2 p.m.
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. **301-345-5111**

Senior Motion Class Focuses on Balance

A SAGE Healthy Living Class, “Improve Your Moving,” will be offered at the Greenbelt Community Center beginning February 9. Pre-registration is required and people must be at least 60 years old to attend. Taught by Gretchen Dunn, M.A., C.M.A., the class will be held in Room 202 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The class focuses on body activities that improve balance as well as the motions of daily living. It stresses that what gives people confidence in their body’s ability to stay upright is the ability to know where the body is in space – the sense of “proprioception.” Flexibility, the ability to move a body part such as an arm or a leg from one plane to another or in a diagonal pattern, also helps with balance.

Losses in hearing and vision have a negative effect on balance. These conditions benefit from balance training, however, which reduces the likelihood of falling and can also lessen the impact of falls that do occur.

While weight-training work involves the use of one plane, the exercises use two or more planes and train the body to move easily from one to another. Weight shifting in various ways is another means of developing body knowledge and sense of security.

The class also focuses on enlarging participants’ usable “kinospheres,” the globes of space people occupy when they move, which tend to become more restricted as people grow older.

Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat to class. Call Karen Haseley at the Greenbelt Community Center at 240-542-2054 for more information or for assistance in registering.

Farmers Market Survey Is Out

The Greenbelt Farmers Market has created a customer survey to help guide its planning for the market’s second season. Among the questions in the survey is one asking what the market’s operating hours should be. This is in response to feedback the market’s board of directors received during the first season indicating that some customers would prefer different operating hours.

The survey is available online at www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org. It is also available in a paper format on or near the community bulletin boards at the Greenbelt Co-op, Giant and Safeway grocery stores.



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Ivan (9) and Johnny (7) Castillo of Greenbelt perform at the New Deal Café during the Kid’s Open Mic that was held on November 1. Another kids’ open microphone event will be held at the New Deal Café from 1 until 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 18. Young people age 17 and under are encouraged to give a performance of up to five minutes, such as playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, reciting a poem or a similar activity. For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrn@yahoo.com.

New Deal Café Music Offerings This Week

On Saturday, January 17 from 8 to 11 p.m., legendary jazz saxophonist Buck Hill will perform with the “Mike Montgomery Jazz Group.” On Sunday, January 18 the “Magic Ray Jazz” will play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 1 to 3 p.m. will be a kids’ open microphone session. “Zorba” and a night of Greek dancing will be held from 5 to 8 p.m.

On Inauguration Day, Tuesday, January 20 celebrate free locally and stay warm while doing it. From 11 a.m. to midnight watch all the inaugural happenings on TV -- the inauguration at noon, the parade and all the evening balls. Also, from 7 p.m. to midnight, the Café will hold its own Cajun Inaugural Ball with the “Cypress Trio” and “Jam.”

On Wednesday, January 21 the “Alan Cohen Experience” will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, January 22 the Songwriter’s Association of Washington will hold an open microphone session.

For more information about all events visit the website at www.newdealcafe.com or call 301-474-5642.



Explore Retirement Financial Concerns

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Frank Hebert on Friday, January 23. His talk will focus on financial concerns during retirement, addressing such issues as the demise of pension plans, keeping up with health care costs and the impact of taxes on retirement plans. He will also address eight critical questions about retirement including: “Is my perception the same as my reality?” and “Will I outlive my retirement savings?”

Hebert will teach a SAGE class on Financial Concerns during Retirement from February 9 through March 9 at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation is an overview of what students can expect to learn in the four-week class.

Hebert has been a CPA for over 30 years and teaches various investors ways to attempt to preserve their assets, increase their incomes and reduce income taxes. He helps investors identify roadblocks that affect their retirement and provides solutions about how to attempt to repair these costly mistakes.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom, room 114. Everyone is welcome. Call 301-397-2208 for more details.

Beltway Plaza Mall

Sidewalk Sale

Winter Sidewalk Sale

Great discounts to celebrate the Winter

Target, Burlington Coat Factory, Giant Food, Gallo Clothing, Marshall’s, Academy Stadium Theatres, Planet Fun, Gold’s Gym, Jo-Ann Fabrics, CVS

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301.345.1500
www.beltwayplazamall.com

Sat., Jan. 24
8 to 11 pm

Fund-raiser Concert with local band “Long Time Coming”

Suggested donation:\$10
Proceeds will benefit our beloved New Deal Cafe.

This concert is produced by the New Deal Café and is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café (FONDCA).

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF Jan. 16

Doubt (PG-13)

Friday
*5, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday
*2:45, *5, 7:30, 9:40
(Midnight Show:
Repo Road Tour 3
All Seats \$15)

Sunday-Tuesday
*2:45, *5, 7:30

Wednesday-Thursday
*5:20, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
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ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of Jan. 16

FRI. - MON.
The Unborn, PG-13 (!!)
11:10, 1:30, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50, 10

My Bloody Valentine, R (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50, 10

Notorious, R (!)
11, 11:30, 1:45, 2:25, 4:30, 5, 7:20, 7:50, 10:10, 10:35

Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50, 10

Not Easily Broken, PG-13 (!!)
11:30, 2, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20

Hotel for Dogs, PG (!)
11:30, 2, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20

Gran Torino, R (!!)
11, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

TUES.
(All shows \$5 on Tuesdays except Paul Blart Mall Cop and Not Easily Broken)
The Unborn, PG-13
11:10, 1:30, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50

My Bloody Valentine, R (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50

Notorious, R (!)
11, 11:30, 1:45, 2:25, 4:30, 5, 7:20, 7:50

Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50

Not Easily Broken, PG-13
11:30, 2, 4:45, 7:35

Hotel for Dogs, PG (!)
11:30, 2, 4:45, 7:35

Gran Torino, R
11, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20

WED. - THUR.
The Unborn, PG-13
1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30

My Bloody Valentine, R (!)
1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30

Notorious, R (!)
12:45, 1:20, 3:30, 4, 6:20, 6:45

Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG (!)
1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30

Not Easily Broken, PG-13
1:45, 4:30, 7

Hotel for Dogs, PG (!)
1:45, 4:30, 7

Gran Torino, R
1:35, 4:20, 7

Obituaries

Erwin Hirschmann

Erwin Hirschmann, age 84, died January 1, 2009 – the same day his former next-door neighbor Pearl Keeney left this life.

Mr. Hirschmann was born on July 17, 1924, in Vienna, Austria, and emigrated to the United States in 1958. He accepted a position at NASA in 1962, where he stayed until his retirement in 1996. He married his wife Wilma in 1963 and they moved to their Greenbelt home on Lakeside Drive that year.

Before emigrating to the United States, Mr. Hirschmann was employed in Bern, Switzerland, and Munich, Germany, working on progressive and groundbreaking technologies such as microwave technologies, microwave communications, masers and semiconductors. During his last 15 years at NASA he worked on communication systems on weather and communication satellites.

Mr. Hirschmann and his wife Wilma raised their two children Eric and Paula in Greenbelt. They remained Greenbelt community members until 2004 when they moved to a retirement community in Salt Lake City, Utah, to be closer to family. Mr. Hirschmann loved Greenbelt and had a hard time accepting his need to move out of his home on Lakeside Drive as he and his wife especially loved their daily walks around Greenbelt Lake and Greenbelt's old town center.

He was renowned for his penchant for fixing things. He loved fixing up old cars and anything that broke or was in disrepair. He was a firm believer in making things last as long as they could and prided himself on being able to take something that was broken and redeem its useful qualities.

Mr. Hirschmann was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and devoted many hours to carrying out his church responsibilities.

For those who knew him, he was an exceptionally kind man and was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever he could and wherever he was needed. In his 60s Mr. Hirschmann was recruited at the last minute to play on the church basketball team, lest the team forfeit the game. (The other team members were more than half his age.) He put on some sneakers and spent the evening on the basketball court helping the team complete the game. No one remembers the outcome of that game but all remember his spirit of helping where he could.

The most important thing in Mr. Hirschmann's life was his family – they always came first in whatever he did. He always ensured that he had time for them. He loved his wife dearly and loved watching his children grow and learn the important lessons in life and he made sure that he was a major part of their growing-up experience.

Mr. Hirschmann is survived by his wife Wilma who lives in Salt Lake City, Utah; his son Eric and his wife Karna of Orem, Utah; and his daughter Paula Carter and her husband Adam, Kansas City, Mo.; and six grandchildren.

– Charlie Knuth

In Memoriam Pearl Siegel

When we retired in the middle-90s we joined the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. Pearl and her husband Irv welcomed us warmly. They made us feel a part of the group. Ever since that time, whenever we saw Pearl around Greenbelt she always had a smile and a nice word. We will miss seeing her but are glad we had the pleasure of knowing her.

– Shirley and Tom Dwyer



Our sympathy to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Bruno Zanin of Lakeside Drive who died on January 9, 2009, at the age of 90.

Condolences to Alice Donahue and family on the death of her brother-in-law Anthony Tancreto of Dennis, Mass., on January 6.

Greenbelters were saddened by the death of longtime Lakeside resident Erwin Hirschmann on January 1, 2009, in Utah.

Congratulations to: Greenbelt Elementary School teacher Beth Novick, who was recognized this week as the 2008 Teacher of the Year for the U.S. eastern region in Positive Promotions' "I Make a Difference" Teacher of the Year contest (see full story on page 9).

City employees who received

recognition on Jan. 13 for their contributions to our community. For five years of service, Jermaine Gullledge, Shaniya Lashley-Mull, Kelly Lawson, Liz Park, Nathaniel Rosier and Lannay Tull. For 10 years, John Baluch, Curtis Dudley, Consuella Harris, Christine Peters, Charles Rall, Ali Sillah and Greg Varda. For 15 years, Scott Kaiser, Dominic Keys, Mike Mesol and Di Quynn-Reno. For 20 Years, Barry Byers, Joe Doss, Karen Haseley, Mike Howard, Tom Moreland and Brian Townsend. For 25 years: Wendy Wexler. For 30 Years: Janet Goldberg. The City Manager, Mike McLaughlin, also recognized City Council members

with service pins at the January 12th City Council Meeting. J Davis received a 15 year pin. Both Leta Mach and Konrad Herling received 5 year pins. Rodney Roberts received a 15 year pin that should have been presented in 2006.

– Kathleen McFarland



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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am



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Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



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Sunday 8:15 am

Worship Service

9:15 am

Sunday School/Bible Study

10:30 am

Worship Service



Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net



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7010 Glenn Dale Road
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Sundays:

8:00 am

Simple, quiet Mass

9:00 am

Christian education for all ages

10:00 am

Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted

1:30 pm

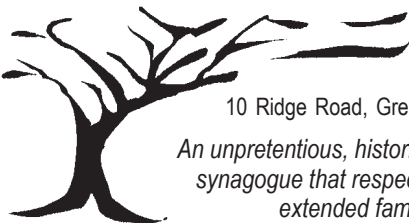
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Sunday, January 18, 10 a.m.

"The Kingdom of Greatness"

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The bond or oneness of humanity cannot be effectively established save through the power of the Holy Spirit, for the world of humanity is a composite body and the Holy Spirit is the animating principle of its life. (Abdu'l-Bahá)

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www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us



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101 Greenhill Road
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www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

Sunday

11:00 am

Worship Service

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks

10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

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(Behind the Community Center)

Pastor Lou Redd

301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)

...living life together

Synagogue Program On Investing Jan. 18

On Sunday, January 18 at 10:30 a.m. the adult education division of Mishkan Torah Synagogue will present a program, “Investing Other People’s Money,” at the synagogue.

In the current difficult financial times, investing can be an area of mystery and confusion. Even more confusing is investing others’ money as a fiduciary, such as for one’s elderly parents, children or grandchildren. The big question is what is a reasonable way to invest when the money belongs to someone else? When might an investment be reasonable for oneself but unreasonable when acting as a fiduciary? When the markets go crazy, should investments be removed?

The program will feature Mark Shroder and Jeff Rosen, experts in fiduciary matters. They will share information about where to find free information about investing. While they say they do not have all the answers, they know the questions to be asked and have some experience in helping others. They say people will have to supply their own research and common sense, which is never really free.

Upcoming Patuxent Nature Programs

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are free and held at two sites, the North Tract and the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. For more information visit the website at www.patuxent.fws.gov.

North Tract

The North Tract, located on Route 198 between the B-W Parkway and Route 32, is holding the following programs:

Winter Trees

Sunday, January 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. for all ages. Learn the secrets to identifying trees and plants without their leaves and flowers on this guided walk. Discover the winter roles trees, weeds and seedheads play. Field guide, water and magnifying lens are recommended.

Visitor Center

The National Wildlife Visitor Center, located on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Route 197, is holding the following programs:

Earth Walk

Sunday, January 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. for all ages. Connect with nature during this guided hike by using the five senses. Learn about the ecology of Patuxent Research Refuge on this “sense-sational” hike.

Amazing Adaptations

Friday, January 23 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. for ages 5-7. Come discover the fantastic ways animals have adapted to the frigid temperatures of winter.

Free Stick Puppets Workshop Jan. 24

The College Park Arts Exchange is offering a free children’s arts drop-in program on Sunday, January 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. Arts Specialist Aaron Springer will lead a free, fun and creative arts workshop making stick puppets for children ages 3 to 8 with their parents.

The art program will be held at the Old Parish House at 4711 Knox Road in College Park. Email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013 for more information.

Bereavement Support Groups Start in Jan.

Hospice of the Chesapeake Spiritual & Bereavement Care Center announces two six-week bereavement support groups beginning in January and February.

For those who are grieving the death of a spouse/life partner, a widow/widower bereavement support group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from January 27 through March 3 at the Hospice of the Chesapeake Landover offices, 8724 Jericho City Drive. The registration deadline is Monday, January 19.

A general bereavement support group for adults ages 18 and older who are grieving the death of a loved one will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, from February 5 through March 12 also at the Landover offices. The registration deadline is Wednesday, January 28.

For both groups, there is a fee to register except for families whose loved one was cared for by Hospice of the Chesapeake. To register call Roberta Rook at 301-499-4500 or email rrook@hospicechesapeake.org.

Youth Choir Performs

The College Park Youth Choir will participate in a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Saturday, January 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Inauguration Watch Party Invitation

Join Delegate Justin Ross for an Inauguration Watch Party on January 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hank’s Tavern and Eats in University Town Center, 6507 America Boulevard in Hyattsville. Complimentary finger foods and alcoholic drinks will be served. American flags and Barack Obama calendars (one per attendee while supplies last) will be available.

Watch the inauguration unfold on 20 large, flat-screen TVs. To RSVP visit www.justinross.us/obama. Space is limited. For information on parking go to www.universitytowncenter.net/interactivemap.html.

Learn Latin Dance

Learn the basics of Latin dance with the College Park Arts Exchange on Saturday, January 24 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Old Parish House at 4711 Knox Road in College Park. Other classes will be held January 31, February 14 and 21.

Dancers from Ballroom at Maryland will teach four afternoons, introducing participants to Latin dance. No partner is necessary. Make new friends and learn a new art skill in these hands-on arts workshops. There is still time to inquire about drop-ins for February dates. There is a fee.

For information call 301-927-3013, email info@cpae.org or visit www.cpae.org.

Mad Science Event At Aviation Museum

Before Wilbur and Orville Wright could even begin to build an airplane, they had to understand the science that makes flying possible. Join Mad Science of Washington, D.C., for an interactive program about science on Saturday, January 24 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

There is a fee for all ages, which includes museum admission. Accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available upon request. The museum is located at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park.

For details call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765 or visit www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.



OPEN HOUSE

9:30 - 11 a.m.

Final Date

Thursday, Jan. 22

Please RSVP to attend.

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City Information

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Forest Preserve Advisory Board,
Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee,
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, and
the Youth Advisory Committee.

For more info call 301-474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 19-23

Wednesday, January 21st at 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, City Manager Update, Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed below, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

Registration for Spring & Summer Camps

Spring Camp, Circus Spring Camp Express, Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Creative Kids Camp, Circus Camp, Camp Encore, and Camp Dance are among the day camp choices the Greenbelt Recreation Department plans to offer this upcoming Spring and Summer.

These camps provide a wide range of aquatic, athletic, and artistic choices for kids ages 3 to 15. Camp registration will begin on January 12 for Greenbelt Residents and January 26 for Non-Residents. The Camp Brochure can be downloaded at http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/camps_2009.pdf Call the Recreation Business Office at 301-397-2200 for more information.

METRO INFORMATION FOR INAUGURATION DAY

For information on Metro plans for Inauguration Day and Weekend please visit:

www.wmata.com/getting_around/metro_events/inauguration.cfm

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS

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MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday and Thursday, January 20 & 22: 6pm -- “Mental Health Matters” 6:30pm “Co-Op Cooking Show” 7:00pm “Mary Shaver”

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, January 21 & 23: Call for Schedule

MARYLAND TAX RETURN

If you live within the corporate boundaries of the City of Greenbelt, make sure to write or enter “Greenbelt” on your Maryland State Tax form under “City, town or taxing area” so that your taxes can best serve your community!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of January 19th

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday


Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 23rd

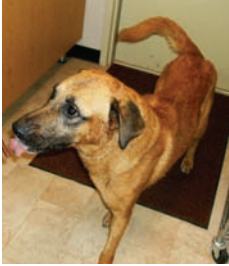
GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

Greenbelt Pets of the Month


Congratulations to Timmie and Davey on their recent adoptions. We wish them much happiness in their new homes.




Bert and Ernie: Two adorable young male tabbies. You can always find these two together. Sweet, very pretty cats.



Tarzan: Meet the famous Greenbelt wanderer. Looking for patience and understanding. Make an appointment to come out and spend some time with him.



Kimmie: Friendly, but shy. Easily gentled, especially if bribed with food and treats! Young adult spayed, tiger striped female cat.



Princess: A pretty young black and white domestic female cat. Spayed. Looking for someone to spoil her.

For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124.

NEW AT THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER:

REGULAR OPEN VISITATION DAYS!

The Greenbelt Animal Shelter is now open on Saturday mornings from 9am-12pm and on Wednesdays from 4pm-7pm. These hours are for visitations and adoption applications only. No surrenders will be accepted during these hours.

Come out and visit our sweet and friendly animals just waiting to become part of your family.

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Public Works employees and members of REAC (Recycle and Environment Advisory Committee) were present at the Monday, January 12 city council meeting to accept the Golden Trowel Award from Keep Prince George’s County Beautiful. From the left are: Lesley Riddle, Superintendent of Parks; John Lippert, REAC chair; Carolyn Clemens, assistant director of Public Works; Luisa Robles, recycling coordinator for Public Works; Ken Hall, director of Public Works; Mary Chapman, REAC member; and Ed James, REAC member.

beautification awards.”

Davis, who accepted the award for the department at the December ceremony along with Council-member Leta Mach, Public Works staff member Luisa Robles and City Manager Michael McLaughlin, presented the awards to Ken Hall, Carolyn Clemens, Lesley Riddle and Luisa Robles, all of Public Works, at the regular city council meeting on January 12.

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large deceleration and turning lanes.

3) At all other intersections, raised medians that create a free right turn for vehicles should be eliminated, as they present a hazard to pedestrians crossing the street.

4) The outside travel lane along Route 1 should be wider than the inside lanes. This will create the greatest buffer between moving vehicles and the street edge, as well as discourage aggressive driving. This recommendation is illustrated in Figure 1 attached.

5) Sidewalks along Route 1 should be six feet in width and buffered from traffic by a planting strip at least four to six feet wide. This is illustrated in Figure 1 attached.

6) Bicycle lanes should be properly marked, according to AASHTO standards, on Route 1 between MD 198 and the Beltway, and on Old Baltimore Pike and Edmonston Road between Muirkirk and Cherrywood.

7) Adequate shoulders or a second bridge should be added to Beaver Dam Creek Bridge on Route 201 to accommodate cyclists.

8) Bicycle and pedestrian improvements which enhance access to the MARC station at Muirkirk should be included where necessary in the surrounding area.

It is our opinion that these improvements will have a positive impact on our community. Prince George’s County has one of the highest rates of pedestrian fatalities in the region. Improvements such as roundabouts and wide sidewalks will significantly increase pedestrian safety. The modifications presented here will also encourage and support multi-modal transportation choices. Fewer cars on the road will not only relieve traffic congestion, it will improve environmental quality, preserve open space and enhance mobility.

Members of Council acknowledge that the City of Greenbelt is located in the developed tier and therefore large volumes of traffic are to be expected. In these circumstances, the appropriate strategy is to manage traffic in order to create the best alternative possible. In our opinion, alternatives that direct expansion toward Route 1 provide the best utilization of resources by improving capacity near planned and existing population centers.

The City Council strongly urges you to reconsider the decision to expand Maryland Route 201 as described in alternatives 4E, 4W, 5E, and 5W. These alternatives will provide limited benefit to drivers and will sacrifice our wetlands and valuable research property. A modified version of Alternative 3 will manage traffic efficiently, create a safer environment, support our regional transit goals and maximize our investments by increasing capacity near existing centers of development.

Sincerely,

Judith F. Davis, Mayor

Copies of the letter were also sent to the Mayor of College Park and local area state and county elected representatives.

MLK Celebration In Bowie Sunday

A celebration will be held in Bowie on Sunday, January 18 to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children’s Defense Fund, will offer the keynote address at around 3:30 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, 15200 Annapolis Rd. Wright is a MacArthur Award recipient, winner of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and recipient of the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Award.

The program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. on the theme “The Beloved Community,” includes an ecumenical service at 2:30 led by the Clergy Association of Bowie. Other program events include workshops on several subjects and offerings of choral and instrumental music.

In addition, the first 200 adult attendees will receive complimentary copies of Edelman’s new book, “The Sea Is So Wide and My Boat Is So Small.” The event will close with a concert beginning at 6 p.m.

The program is free to children under age 14. Others are requested to provide donations in support of the event.

Wildlife Visitor Center To Re-open Jan. 21

The National Wildlife Visitor Center will re-open to the public on January 21 after being closed to rehabilitate longstanding deficiencies with its heating and ventilation systems. The new systems are designed to be more energy efficient and more cost-effective, saving natural resources and taxpayer dollars.

Unless otherwise posted, the Visitor Center will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except federal holidays. Prospective visitors may call 301-497-5763 or check the website at www.fws.gov for additional information and program updates.

City Notes

Public Works Street Maintenance crews started repairing cracks on Ridge Road from Gardenway to the 73 Court.

Refuse and Recycling collected 34.99 tons of refuse and 16.16 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials and generated comparative numbers of new costs with the current electronics recycling contractor (Capitol Recycling) versus a possible more cost-effective option (UNICOR) for review.

Parks and Playgrounds removed fallen trees from the lake at Buddy Attick Park.

Recreation staff reports that the Greenbelt Geocache, which is made possible through the Maryland Municipal League Geocache program, has gone online and as of this writing, there have been 13 visitors who have located the cache and signed the log book.

Community Center staff reports that the Geiger Scholarship fund received \$267 from the Greenbelt New Year Scholarship Café. Deb Taylor and Sheila and Kim Major prepared the food and worked in the Café. The Gym and Dance Studio floor were sanded and resurfaced. Both rooms will be closed for two weeks while the floor cures.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center staff report that a variety of facility permits were received and processed for use of the center. A few of the user groups include Boy’s and Girl’s Club basketball practices and games, CYO basketball practice, Camp-fire USA, Double Dutch, Muslim Awareness Group, private basketball rentals, Empirian Village Tenants Association and a variety of church groups.

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photo archives, manuscripts and maps – which are housed in the second room. Although this room is not open to the public, specific folders are made available upon request and brought into the first room, where researchers may work at a convenient table or sit in comfortable chairs for more casual reading.

The library also makes available such equipment as microfilm and microfiche readers and a copy machine.

Volunteers Sought

Currently the library is open on a regular basis only on Saturday afternoons. However, upon request, its holdings can be made available at other agreed-upon times with an experienced library volunteer.

Many library holdings await other volunteers. For example, the staff would welcome someone who would be able to scan photographs – or in particular an old-timer who might be able to identify people or places in old, unlabeled pictures.

Another major contribution, which might be done at home, would be to prepare separate cards for county residents listed in obituary pages from the library’s collection of local papers. Volunteers with typing skills are always also welcome.

For those with an interest in assisting with such activities, it is easy to volunteer by calling the library at 301-220-0330 or by dropping by on Saturdays between noon and 4 p.m.

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USDA Choice Beef Boneless Value Pack New York Strip Steaks	\$4⁹⁹ _{lb.}	Fresh Value Pack Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast Tenders	\$1⁸⁸ _{lb.}
Fresh Value Pack Country Style Pork Spare Ribs	\$1⁹⁹ _{lb.}	USDA Choice Beef Boneless Top Round London Broil	\$3⁹⁹ _{lb.}
		Fresh Value Pack Center Cut Pork Loin Chops	\$2⁴⁹ _{lb.}
		Hatfield Sliced Bacon Assorted 1 lb.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
		Fresh Shurfine Grade A Whole Frying Chicken	99¢ _{lb.}
		Hatfield Meat Franks Assorted 1 lb.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

Dairy		Deli		Frozen	
Dannon Yogurt Assorted 6 oz.	40¢	Florida's Natural Premium Orange Juice 64 oz.	\$2⁵⁰	Celeste Pizza For One Assorted 5-6 oz.	\$1⁰⁰
Shurfine Shredded Cheese Ched./Mozzarella 12 oz.	\$2⁰⁰	Land-O-Lakes Butter Quarters 1 lb.	\$3⁰⁰	Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 48 oz.	\$2⁸⁸
Health & Beauty	Seafood		Natural & Gourmet		
Aleve Pain Reliever Caps/Tabs/Gels 40-50 pk.	\$2⁵⁰	Fresh Catch Flounder Fillets	\$5⁹⁹ _{lb.}	Bakery	
Western Family Unscented Baby Wipes 80 pack	\$2⁹⁹	43/50 Count Raw Shrimp	\$5⁹⁹ _{lb.}	Twining Classic Teas 50 pack Earl Grey/Eng. Breakfast	\$4⁹⁹
		Join us for a cooking demonstration with Corporate Chef Bill Scepansky on Thurs., Jan. 22 from 11am til 2pm in our Fresh Produce Department.		Desert Pepper Gourmet Salsa Assorted 16 oz.	\$3⁹⁹
				Fresh Store Baked Italian Bread mini loaf	2/\$1⁴⁹
				Breakfast Treat Blueberry Muffins 4 pack	\$2⁹⁹

Grocery Bargains			
Progresso Classic Soups Select Varieties 18-19 oz.	\$1⁰⁰	San Giorgio Assorted Pasta 12-16 oz.	\$1⁰⁰
Knorr/Lipton Noodles or Rice in Sauce Assorted 4-7 oz.	\$1²⁵	Bumble Bee Chunk White Albacore Tuna 5 oz.	\$1²⁵
		Ragu Pasta Sauce Assorted 16-26 oz.	\$1²⁵
		Furmano's Family Size Canned Tomatoes Assorted 28 oz.	\$1⁰⁰
		Kellogg's Corn Flakes or Crispix 12 oz.	\$2⁵⁰
		Shurfine Microwave Popcorn Assorted 3 pack	99¢
		Lipton Original Tea Bags 100 oz.	\$2⁵⁰
		Nabisco Chips Ahoy Cookies Assorted 14-15 oz.	\$3⁰⁰

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Attempted Murders

January 3, 1:46 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was approached by a youth as he was walking down the street. The two became involved in a verbal altercation and then a physical fight, at which time the youth produced a handgun. The man was able to take control of the gun, throwing it and fleeing the scene. The suspect is described as a black male, 17 years of age, 5'6", 150 pounds with brown eyes and black hair, wearing a white jacket.

January 3, 10:32 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a group of people said that they were inside an apartment when several others forced their way into the residence. One of them fired several shots with a handgun at one of the occupants, striking him twice. The suspects then fled the scene on foot. The victim was transported to a hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. An arrest warrant has been obtained charging Leonardo Eloy Adkins, 17, of no fixed address, with attempted first-degree murder, first-degree assault and second-degree assault.

Atkins is also wanted for an armed carjacking that occurred in September 2008 and is considered armed and dangerous. (See the wanted poster in the January 8 News Review for Atkins' picture and description.)

Robberies

January 3, 9:45 p.m., Cherrywood Lane and Springhill Drive, a man was robbed by three men as he was walking down the street. One of the men struck the victim in the face with a crowbar and took his jacket. The suspects are described as a Latino male with a tattoo of a cross under his left eye and a long ponytail, wearing a red jacket; and two black males with no description.

January 4, 1:14 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a food delivery person was robbed at gunpoint by two men after he attempted to make a delivery. The suspects are described as two black males, both 18 to 22 years of age, 5'11" with thin builds, wearing dark clothing and ski-type masks.

January 7, 9:06 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, four men attempted to rob a person at knife-point. He yelled and the suspects fled on foot. The suspects are described as four black males, all 20 to 25 years of age, tall with thin builds, wearing black or blue coats.

Handgun Arrest

January 2, 9:27 a.m., Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a vehicle, removing the serial number from a handgun, possession of fraudulent government identification and traffic citations. He was transported to the Depart-

ment of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of an arrest warrant with the Prince George's County Police Department.

Peeping Tom

January 4, 11:07 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, a woman reported that an unknown male had been looking in her bedroom window, then calling her at home. Investigation is continuing.

Drug Arrest

January 3, 12:50 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and possession of an open alcoholic beverage in public. He was released on citation pending trial.

January 6, 2:35 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and released to a parent pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

Malicious Destruction

January 2, 8:08 p.m., 18 Crescent Road, approximately 10 males broke out the basement window of an apartment building and fled the scene.

Burglaries

December 30, 9:52 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a laptop computer was reported taken.

January 2, 4:18 p.m., 7800 block Emily's Way, a woman reported that she was taking a shower when she heard a loud noise, then heard the house alarm sound. She looked out and saw a man walking up the steps, holding a handgun. The woman used her cell phone to call a relative, who contacted police. The man had fled the area prior to arrival of the police. The suspect is described as a black male, 40 to 50 years of age, 6', wearing a dark gray sweatshirt and a black cap. Entry appears to have been gained by forcing open the front door.

January 3, 4:47 a.m., 139 Centerway, a commercial burglary was reported.

Vehicle Crimes

A silver 1997 Acura Integra 2-door, Maryland tags HTD693 was stolen from the 6600 block Springcrest Court. Two attempts to steal vehicles occurred at the 7800 block Mandan Road and the 5600 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.

One vehicle was recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests made.

Theft from vehicles was reported in the following areas: 6900 block Hanover Parkway (registration sticker); 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (cell phone, cash); 6000 block Springhill Drive (rear tag); and 7800 block Walker Drive (GPS unit).

Vandalism was reported at the 400 block Ridge Road (damaged door locks) and the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (damaged driver's door).

Police Dept. Partners With CrimeReports

The Greenbelt Police Department and CrimeReports.com announce a partnership that will provide easy to access information on crime incidents in Greenbelt and the region. CrimeReports.com provides data, crime maps and automated alerts. It can be accessed at www.crimereports.com or directly from the Greenbelt Police Department web site at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police.

The service is free to the public, and allows citizens to view reported crime activity on an easy to use map for any location within boundaries of Greenbelt. It also allows citizens to receive email alerts if a crime occurs near their home. The information is updated nightly and the system identifies the date, time, location, event type and incident number of reported crimes. Event location information is provided at the block or intersection level.

Using Google maps and automated alerts, CrimeReports.com is a web site that provides tools to help law enforcement agencies communicate directly with members of the public. Greenbelt Police Public Information Officer, George Mathews says, "This tool allows the citizens to become more easily aware about what is happening in their community."

Greenbelt joins other nearby police agencies using CrimeReports.com. These include: Prince George's County, Montgomery County, Bowie, Hyattsville, Takoma Park and the Maryland State Police.

For details call MPO George Mathews at 301-503-6890.

Two City Car Repair Shops Top Rated in Checkbook

by Mary Moien

Two Greenbelt car repair locations have received the highest ratings from a recent Washington Consumers' Checkbook report on auto repair shops throughout the Washington area. Greenbelt Service Center (Sunoco) and Greenbelt Auto and Truck (facing the Co-op parking lot) both received the "top rating" for both quality and price.

Both facilities are owned by Greenbelt residents. Bill Novick has owned the Greenbelt Service Center since 1986 and Joe Aulisio

and Novick have co-owned Greenbelt Auto and Truck since 1984. Both credit their loyal customers with their success.

The Washington Consumers' Checkbook report is based on information received from subscribers and others to rank shops on a number of factors. At least 12 reports must be received on an individual facility for it to be ranked. Approximately 60 car repair shops in Prince George's County were rated in this report and only 11 received the top rating.

Drop-in Programs At Wells Ice Rink

In addition to skating opportunities, the Herbert Wells Ice Rink at 5211 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park offers a number of other programs and classes for a modest admission fee, including:

Cardio Workout – Monday and Wednesday, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. A serious workout focusing on increasing the heart rate, muscle toning and strength.

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For more information call 301-277-3717.

Ice Rink to Hold Blood Drive Sat.

On Saturday, January 17 there will be a blood drive at the Herbert Wells Ice Rink from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The ice rink is located at 5211 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park.

For information call Wells at 301-277-3717. To schedule a donor appointment call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

Drive Smart!

A well-tuned car with properly inflated tires burns less gasoline – cutting pollution and saving money at the pump. Households with two cars should drive the one with better gas mileage whenever possible. Better yet, skip the drive and take public transit, walk or bicycle when possible.

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Greenbelt Teacher Honored As 2008 Teacher of the Year

by Amy Hansen

On January 13, Beth Novick, a sixth grade teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), was honored as 2008 Teacher of the Year for the eastern region of the United States after a nomination process held by the catalogue company Positive Promotions.

Novick, a Greenbelt resident, is a very active member of the faculty at GES. She co-chairs the school's major Multicultural Dinner, works as a coordinator for the talented and gifted students in the school and for five years running was the faculty liaison for the PTA.

It was due to Novick's efforts that the faculty and parents spent several hours brainstorming about what kind of school they want to have. Novick then took the notes and helped implement plans to work toward that vision.

For example, in the visioning process the faculty identified where they needed help. Novick found a guest speaker to provide the training and then found a



PHOTO BY DAVID ALHADEFF

GES Principal Kim Seidel (right) presented Beth Novick with the award check, \$500 to be spent on classroom supplies.

grant, as well as PTA money to pay for it.

She also works to ensure that the students are engaged at many levels in school. Not only does she work at getting the right book into her students' hands for her language arts classes, in the last several years she has run several after school clubs including a writing club, a reading club and a games club.

Positive Promotions will feature Novick and other winning teachers in their 2009 publications and focus on their innovative projects in the classroom.

January Is National Blood Donor Month

The need for blood is always acute and especially so around holiday times, when the need increases and donors are often traveling as well as busy. The American Red Cross is asking the community to donate blood during the month of January in support of National Blood Donor Month.

Many people may not realize that the Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region, which serves this area, must collect over 1,100 blood donations every day to accommodate patient needs. Blood donation takes about an hour although the actual donation time is only about 10 minutes. After blood is processed, one donation can save up to three lives of local patients. Though many healthy people over 16 are eligible to donate, only about five percent of the population actually does so.

Requirements

Donors must be in generally good health, be at least 16 with parental consent (in Md., Va., and Penna.), weigh over 110 lbs., not have received a tattoo within the past year and not have donated blood within the past 56 days. To donate call 1-800-448-3543, visit www.my-redcross.org or see the listings at right. Groups interested in hosting blood drives can call 1-800-787-9282, ext. 4925 for more information.

In addition to donors, the Red Cross also needs volunteers in all local areas to greet donors, provide educational information, serve refreshments and observe donors for post-donation reactions. To volunteer call 1-800-272-0094, ext. 1 or email karlofft@usa.redcross.org.



PHOTO BY SANDRA LANGE

Alex Barnes (son of Sandra Lange and Alexander Barnes) returned to Greenbelt last week after serving two years with the Peace Corps in Niger, West Africa. Alex is pictured above talking with former Peace Corps worker Emily Dufton, left, and Greenbelt neighbor Betty Sonneveldt at a welcome home party thrown by Sandra and David Lange. Alex's wife Brianne Boylan is expected to return to Greenbelt later this month.

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Saturday, January 17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
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Dinner Recognizes Council Advisory Group

by Cindy Murray

The Greenbelt City Council held its annual appreciation dinner for its 14 appointed advisory boards committees on October 12 in the Community Center. Following a buffet dinner attended by about 120 members and their guests, Mayor Judith F. Davis, Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Leta Mach and Ed Putens took special note of the service of 23 current and recently retired advisory group members.

Ten currently active members received pins marking their years of service. Lola Skolnik and Marc Siegel, Park and Recreation Advisory Board members, received 25-year pins. A 20-year service pin was presented to Reverend Booker Hughes (now deceased), Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. Steve Skolnik, Board of Appeals, received a 15-year pin. Alla Lake, Advisory Committee on Education, received a 10-year pin.

Five-year service pins were awarded to George Branyan and Brian Gibbons, Advisory Planning Board; Adrienne White, Arts Advisory Board; Scott Legendre, Community Relations Advisory Board; and Maggie Cahalan, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee.

The city council also presented

certificates of appreciation and special gifts to 13 board and committee members who stepped down from their positions during the year. Of these, the longest serving member was Larry Hilliard, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, who was presented a replica of the Mother and Child statue in recognition of 20 years of service. Neal Barnett received a plaque of recognition for his 10 years of service on the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee.

The following people received a city watch for completing service of five or more years: Jeffrey Morisette and Kilolo Ajanaku,

Advisory Committee on Education; Sharon Anderson, Arts Advisory Board; Shalom Fisher, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee; and Jim Bowles, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

Receiving certificates of appreciation for their service of up to five years were Raymond Peterson and Paul Sciubba, Advisory Committee on Education; Jeff Pedelty, Advisory Planning Board; Pam Hagerhorst and Sandra Lange, Arts Advisory Board; and Luisa Robles, Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

Cindy Murray is the Greenbelt city clerk.



Pictured above: Councilmember Konrad Herling presents pins to Marc Siegel, left, and Lola Skolnik for 25 years on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Pictured at left: Larry Hilliard, left, is given a Mother and Child statuette in recognition of 20 years of service on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Join in the collective effort on National Service Day Monday, January 19

Volunteer to help your favorite community resource.



The city recently recognized employees with service pins. Lannay Tull (5 years) is greeted by members of the Greenbelt City Council.



Karen Haseley (20 years) shares the moment with City Manager Mike McLaughlin.

Residents Look Forward To History in the Making

by Beverly Palau

Talk to most any Greenbelter about the upcoming Inauguration and there is excitement about being part of this historic event with a tinge of uncertainty about what it will bring to the area. Most would love to be a part of it but few will be brave enough to leave the confines of their living rooms, television and digital video recorders to witness the events in person. Not only is the area bracing itself for one of the largest crowds ever, but winter is promising to bring some of its coldest temperatures this coming weekend with the high predicted to be about 35 degrees. Regardless, for those who are adamant about witnessing the inauguration in person (just think of the stories one will be able to tell the grandchildren!), there is an abundance of information that has been posted online to make it a positive experience.

The District of Columbia has posted a very informative website at www.inaugurationdc.gov. Here one will find information about lodging (not that a Greenbelter will need it), transportation, security measures and closures. One can also sign up for security alerts, peruse the extensive calendar of events and even learn some new fun facts about the inauguration, such as when January 20 falls on a Sunday, the president-elect usually takes the oath of office privately and then repeats the ceremony in public on Monday. Well since it is on a Tuesday, one will be witnessing the real deal. Anyone even thinking about going downtown should definitely spend a large amount of time at this site. It even has a link to more inaugural sites, some of which could also prove to be very helpful.

Another site to visit if going to the events is the Metro site at http://www.wmata.com/getting_around/metro_events/inauguration.cfm. Since everyone has been warned about not driving, Metro seems like the way to go. Make sure to leave extra early and wear hiking boots. Due to security measures, the Archives-Navy Memorial Station and the Smithsonian Station will be closed on the 20th until 6:30 p.m. The Judiciary Square Metro Station will close at 4 p.m. and the Mt. Vernon Square Station will close at 7:30 a.m.

Metro has conveniently published a free Commemorative Walking Map just for the Inauguration which one can download from this site. Also, one can buy commemorative one-day passes and SmartTrip Cards online or at the stations. You can sign up for last minute Metro alerts at this site to stay on top of any changes. Parking will be at a premium at all stations, so it will be best to get a friend to drop one off. Seniors and disabled persons should be aware that Metro will take as many measures as possible to make their system accessible but to expect crowded trains and elevators. Many escalators will be turned off for security reasons.

Leave pets at home. The only animals that will be allowed past the checkpoints will be service dogs.

So enjoy being part of history but be sensible. There is no shame in watching it with friends and families on the big screen televisions bought to help out the economy.

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